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U.S. Application of: Sumiyo TANAKA  
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 METHOD, AND A RECORDING MEDIUM STORING AN  
 IMAGE SEARCHING PROGRAM

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